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# H. R. 1595

To provide for the relocation of the United States Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 1995

Mr. GINGRICH (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HORN, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. ZIMMER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WELLER, Mr. DELAY, Mr. PAXON, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. MCINTOSH, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. ARCHER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NUSSLE, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. BARR, Mr. TORKILDSSEN, and Mr. BURTON of Indiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Jerusalem Embassy  
5       Relocation Implementation Act of 1995”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress makes the following findings:

1           (1) Each sovereign nation, under international  
2 law and custom, may designate its own capital.

3           (2) Since 1950, the city of Jerusalem has been  
4 the capital of the State of Israel.

5           (3) The city of Jerusalem is the seat of Israel's  
6 President, Parliament, and Supreme Court, and the  
7 site of numerous government ministries and social  
8 and cultural institutions.

9           (4) The city of Jerusalem is the spiritual center  
10 of Judaism, and is also considered a holy city by the  
11 members of other religious faiths.

12           (5) From 1948–1967, Jerusalem was a divided  
13 city and Israeli citizens of all faiths as well as Jew-  
14 ish citizens of all states were denied access to holy  
15 sites in the area controlled by Jordan.

16           (6) In 1967, the city of Jerusalem was reunited  
17 during the conflict known as the Six Day War.

18           (7) Since 1967, Jerusalem has been a united  
19 city administered by Israel, and persons of all reli-  
20 gious faiths have been guaranteed full access to holy  
21 sites within the city.

22           (8) This year marks the 28th consecutive year  
23 that Jerusalem has been administered as a unified  
24 city in which the rights of all faiths have been re-  
25 spected and protected.

1           (9) In 1992, the United States Senate and  
2           House of Representatives unanimously adopted Sen-  
3           ate Concurrent Resolution 113 of the One Hundred  
4           Second Congress to commemorate the 25th anniver-  
5           sary of the reunification of Jerusalem, and  
6           reaffirming congressional sentiment that Jerusalem  
7           must remain an undivided city.

8           (10) The September 13, 1993, Declaration of  
9           Principles on Interim Self-Government Arrange-  
10          ments lays out a timetable for the resolution of  
11          “final status” issues, including Jerusalem.

12          (11) The Agreement on the Gaza Strip and the  
13          Jericho Area was signed May 4, 1994, beginning the  
14          five-year transitional period laid out in the Declara-  
15          tion of Principles.

16          (12) In March of 1995, 93 members of the  
17          United States Senate signed a letter to Secretary of  
18          State Warren Christopher encouraging “planning to  
19          begin now” for relocation of the United States Em-  
20          bassy to the city of Jerusalem.

21          (13) The United States maintains its embassy  
22          in the functioning capital of every country except in  
23          the case of our democratic friend and strategic ally,  
24          the State of Israel.

1           (14) The United States conducts official meet-  
2           ings and other business in the city of Jerusalem in  
3           de facto recognition of its status as the capital of  
4           Israel.

5           (15) In 1996, the State of Israel will celebrate  
6           the 3,000th anniversary of the Jewish presence in  
7           Jerusalem since King David's entry.

8   **SEC. 3. TIMETABLE.**

9           (a) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—It is the policy of the  
10          United States that—

11           (1) Jerusalem should be recognized as the cap-  
12           ital of the State of Israel;

13           (2) groundbreaking for construction of the  
14           United States Embassy in Jerusalem should begin  
15           no later than December 31, 1996; and

16           (3) the United States Embassy should be offi-  
17           cially open in Jerusalem no later than May 31,  
18           1999.

19           (b) CONSTRUCTION DETERMINATION.—Not more  
20          than 50 percent of the funds appropriated to the Depart-  
21          ment of State for fiscal year 1997 for “Acquisition and  
22          Maintenance of Buildings Abroad” may be obligated until  
23          the Secretary of State determines and reports to Congress  
24          that construction has begun on the site of the United  
25          States Embassy in Jerusalem.

1 (c) OPENING DETERMINATION.—Not more than 50  
2 percent of the funds appropriated to the Department of  
3 State for fiscal year 1999 for “Acquisition and Mainte-  
4 nance of Buildings Abroad” may be obligated until the  
5 Secretary of State determines and reports to Congress  
6 that the United States Embassy in Jerusalem has offi-  
7 cially opened.

8 **SEC. 4. FISCAL YEAR 1995 FUNDING.**

9 Of the funds appropriated for fiscal year 1995 for  
10 the Department of State and related agencies, not less  
11 than \$5,000,000 shall be made available until expended  
12 for costs associated with relocating the United States Em-  
13 bassy in Israel to Jerusalem, including but not limited to  
14 site identification, surveys, and land acquisition. Such  
15 funds shall be made available in accordance with the pro-  
16 cedures contained in section 34 of the State Department  
17 Basic Authorities Act (22 U.S.C. 2706).

18 **SEC. 5. FISCAL YEARS 1996 AND 1997 FUNDING.**

19 (a) FISCAL YEAR 1996.—Of the funds authorized to  
20 be appropriated for “Acquisition and Maintenance of  
21 Buildings Abroad” for the Department of State in fiscal  
22 year 1996, not less than \$25,000,000 shall be made avail-  
23 able until expended only for construction and other costs  
24 associated with the relocation of the United States Em-  
25 bassy in Israel to the capital of Jerusalem.

1 (b) FISCAL YEAR 1997.—Of the funds authorized to  
2 be appropriated for “Acquisition and Maintenance of  
3 Buildings Abroad” for the Department of State in fiscal  
4 year 1997, not less than \$75,000,000 shall be made avail-  
5 able until expended only for construction and other costs  
6 associated with the relocation of the United States Em-  
7 bassy in Israel to the capital of Jerusalem.

8 **SEC. 6. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

9 Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment  
10 of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report  
11 to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
12 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate detailing  
13 the Department of State’s plan to implement this Act.  
14 Such report shall include—

15 (1) estimated dates of completion for each  
16 phase of the relocation of the United States Em-  
17 bassy, including site identification, land acquisition,  
18 architectural, engineering and construction surveys,  
19 site preparation, and construction; and

20 (2) an estimate of the funding necessary to im-  
21 plement this Act, including all costs associated with  
22 relocating the United States Embassy to Jerusalem.

23 **SEC. 7. SEMIANNUAL REPORTS.**

24 Beginning January 1, 1996, and every six months  
25 thereafter, the Secretary of State shall report to the

1 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Commit-  
2 tee on Foreign Relations of the Senate on the progress  
3 made toward opening the United States Embassy in Jeru-  
4 salem.

5 **SEC. 8. DEFINITION.**

6 As used in this Act, the term “United States Em-  
7 bassy” means the offices of the United States diplomatic  
8 mission and the residence of the United States chief of  
9 mission.

